



## Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee

April 4, 1924 - April 3, 2017

Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee, 92, died peacefully, and surrounded by family on Monday, April 3, 2017 in her Chino Valley, Arizona home one day before her 93rd birthday.

Fidie was born April 4, 1924 in Cebolla, New Mexico, where she was raised by her mother and grandmother, and her step father Zacarias Estrada. At the age of 20, after the untimely passing of her mother, Fidie took on the responsibility of raising her three younger siblings in addition to her three daughters, the first of which was born when Fidie was 21 years old. In April 1958 Fidie met the love of her life, Joe Lee, in a chance encounter at a local dance. In January 1959 the couple moved to Grand Canyon, Arizona , where they had seven more children , five girls and two boys, all of whom were raised in the National Park. In addition to her own children, Fidie impacted the lives of countless other Grand Canyon children as the resident babysitter and de facto day care center over her 32 years living in the National Park. In 1991, after Joe's retirement from the Grand Canyon School District, the couple moved to Chino Valley, Arizona . In retirement, Fidie enjoyed hosting friends and family and was always quick to serve her famous beans and tortillas. Fidie will be remembered lovingly for her quick wit, devotion to family and friends, and her unwavering faith in the Lord.

Fidie is survived by her husband, Joe Lee, and children : daughter Veva (Bob,

deceased) Slayton; daughter Annabelle (Ron) Palmer; daughter Geraldine (Danny) Ortiz; son Daniel (Justine) Lee; daughter Bernice (Leo) Shanks; daughter Judy (Greg) Walker; daughter JoEllen (Rob) Mathews; widowed daughter-in-law Cindy Lee Davies; Debbie (Dean) Hookano; daughter Katie (Terry) Thomas ; brother Ramon (Eduvia) Estrada; brother Florencio "Flor" (Wanda) Estrada; brother Juan Estrada; 20 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, Raymond Lee.

Funeral services will be held on April 8, 2017 at the Shrine Of The Ages in Grand Canyon, Arizona.

8:00 AM- Viewing

9:00 AM- Rosary

10:00 AM- Catholic Mass

Burial immediately following Mass

Reception following burial at Big E. Steakhouse, Tusayan, Arizona

Condolences can be sent to the following:

Seven Mile Lodge

208 Highway 64

P. O. Box 56

Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 8:00 AM (MT)

Shrine of the Ages

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Grand Canyon Village, AZ 86023  
(928) 638-7888

## Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (MT)

Shrine of the Ages

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee*

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Sending ALL our love, as I continue praying for la Familia for strength & understanding. She was always so kind, sweet and funny. She brought a smile & giggle to everyone she meet. She will be missed, she was a bright light and defiantly an angel here on earth. Now she's returned home and has celebrated her 93rd Birthday in Heaven. May she Rest in Peace. We send our deepest sympathy & condolences to the entire familia. I love and miss you all, I'm glad my parents were there representing us all very well. May God continue to Bless the entire Familia. She'll be missed & always remembered her bright light shines on...*

**Betty Trujillo Stevenson (Genoveva)** - April 09, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *The essence of Love statue note attachment was left out. It reads:Our Love & Prayers go out to the entire Lee Family With Love From: Fleo, & Cindy (in spirit) Doris, Julie & Ricky Roberts*

**Julie (Noreau) Roberts** - April 08, 2017 at 02:49 AM



“ *Julie (Noreau) Roberts lit a candle in memory of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee*



**Julie (Noreau) Roberts** - April 08, 2017 at 02:43 AM

TR

“ *The Roberts: Fleo & Cindy (in spirit) Doris, Julie & Ricky purchased the Figurine - Essence of Love for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.*



**The Roberts: Fleo & Cindy (in spirit) Doris, Julie & Ricky -**  
April 07, 2017 at 04:36 PM

AF

“ *The family of Fidie's uncle, Alfonso (Chonch), send our condolences to Fidie's family.. You were very blessed to have had her for so many years. May God continue blessing all of you with good things in life especially with love & peace.*



**Alfonso ((Choncho) Martinez Family -** April 07, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.*



April 07, 2017 at 03:40 AM

YF

“ *Your GCW Engineering - Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.*



**Your GCW Engineering - Family -** April 06, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.*



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April 06, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *Rest In Peace, sweet lady. What a "Precious Memory" you will always be to our family. After all, you truly were the one and only "Canyon Village" BABY SITTER, and I say this with all of my heart and love for you. God called another ANGEL home! Carole Talley*

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**Carole Talley** - April 06, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *I'll will always remember Fidie as a tough mother and wife who didn't take any crap from anyone. 4ft nothing but scared 6'3 me. I always had the most respect for her. One memory was Raymond always teasing her and acting silly. She would get so mad at him but soon he would have her laughing! I'm sure he'll be doing the same in heaven. Dan O'Brien.*

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**Dan O'Brien** - April 06, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.*



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April 06, 2017 at 12:26 PM

PF

“ Patricia Urtuzuastegui & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.



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Patricia Urtuzuastegui & Family - April 06, 2017 at 11:29 AM

CD

“ Cindy Lee Davies lit a candle in memory of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee



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Cindy Lee Davies - April 06, 2017 at 10:11 AM

CD

We are so blessed to have had Fidie in our lives for so long. She is always an angel with a little spunk that made us laugh, love and smile! Her heart was bigger than life and our thoughts and prayers go out to Grandpa Joe and the entire family.

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Cindy Lee Davies - April 06, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.



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April 06, 2017 at 09:21 AM

RM

“ Ricardo & Margaret Martinez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fidencia "Fidie" Ermelinda Lee.



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**Ricardo & Margaret Martinez** - April 06, 2017 at 01:47 AM

MT

“ This bundle of beauty has gone to heaven to enjoy eternal life. My condolence to ALL fidencia's (Chencha) Lee family. The Lord heard everyone praying for healing and decided to take her to the "State of the art" healing facility. It is called Heaven. What the doctors here on earth can't heal; the "Doctor of doctors" can. She peacefully fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and he took her home  
I pray all your broken hearts be mended with God's WORD; that He has prepared a mansion for Fide in Heaven where she now lives pain free enjoying eternal life. I know she is up there clowning around making people laugh. The funny "of the wall" sayings will live in our hearts forever. Her beautiful singing voice will resound in the ears of our heart forever. Love you Chencha. Until we meet again. May you RIP



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**Manuel Trujillo** - April 06, 2017 at 12:21 AM

AL

“ Grandma you are my guiding light! I will always cherish our "nalgita" moments! Rest in heaven with the other Angels. I love you so much

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**April Lee-Reyey** - April 05, 2017 at 07:26 PM

DT

“ My memories that I have of Chench ( Fidie) growing up is that she was a very special person in our life's of my Mom Genoveva and myself we were raised together en la Cebolla. Fidie oldest daughter Veva and myself were always together as sisters. My Mom was always crying I used to ask her Mom why are always crying. She would tell me mi hijita I was born to raise Orphans. Fedencia, Ramon, Florencio, Johnny and you mi Adesales. Chench was a very loving person even though she was my cousin but I considered her as an Aunt. I used to call her every 2-3 weeks just to hear her or she would call me she would tell why haven't you call me and we would talk about Cebolla and the good old days she would make me laugh she was a very funny lady with her saying she had. On the last days of her life here in earth I still heard her voice again funny until I couldn't hear anymore. Geraldine her daughter called and kept us informed on her condition and asked do you want to talk to her I would said say yes. My husband Manuel and I just kept telling her how much we loved. I could go on and on I just want to end it. Chench may you rest in the arms of Jesus. RIP 😊. With a broken heart I will tell you I will miss you but you will always be in my heart. Love you very much cousin Dorothy

Dorothy Trujillo - April 05, 2017 at 07:21 PM

RY

“ Katie and family, So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I remember hearing all the great stories you told of your beloved mother while working at the bank with you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Robin Young



Robin Young - April 05, 2017 at 06:41 PM